



MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 5 2017

TO: All Counties, Municipalities, Solid Waste Authorities, and Non-profit Recycling Organizations

FROM: Loretta Harrington
Grant Program Manager

SUBJECT: July 2017 Grant Offerings: Recycling Equipment, Recycling Rebate (by invitation only), Used Oil Automotive, Convenience Center, Education and Outreach, Recycling Measurement 2018-19

The Solid Waste Management Act of 1991 (SWMA) in the Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.), establishes the Solid Waste Management Fund (T.C.A. § 68-211-821). The Act authorizes the Department to expend money to fund activities authorized under the SWMA. The public policy statement within SWMA (T.C.A. § 68-211-803) declares the policy of this state: ,

" in furtherance of its responsibility to protect the public health, safety and well-being of its citizens and to protect and enhance the quality of its environment, to institute and maintain a comprehensive, integrated, statewide program for solid waste management, which will assure that solid waste facilities, whether publicly or privately operated, do not adversely affect the health, safety and well-being of the public and do not degrade the quality of the environment by reason of their location, design, method of operation or other means and which, to the extent feasible and practical, makes maximum utilization of the resources contained in solid waste."

Pursuant to this policy, the Department offers the following grant solicitation opportunities beginning July 5, 2017 through October 3, 2017 and consists of the following grants:

Education and Outreach (\$1MM)
Convenience Center (\$1MM/100K)
Recycling Equipment (\$500K/50K)
Recycling Rebate (\$500K/population based)
Recycling Measurement (\$500K/25K)
Used Oil/Automotive Fluids (\$500K/\$65K)

The Department's new online Grants Management System is now available. If you or a representative of your agency has not registered, please visit the website at the link provided (<http://www.tennessee.gov/environment/topic/grants-online-grants-system>) to access the system become familiar with the application process.

The links below provide interested parties the ability to register, find current funding opportunities, and apply completely online for current Department grant offerings. Those in need may view user manuals and tutorial videos also.

- [Access the new online system.](#)
- [Download the Grants System User Guide.](#)
- [View the tutorial video.](#)

If you have questions about the new system please contact the Department's Grants and Contracts Administration via email TDEC.Grants@tn.gov and someone will assist you.

The Department will not obligate funds for any project until the Department executes a sign and approved contract. The Department will not reimburse any service or products for grant payment purchased outside a signed, executed contract. The State requires advanced approval for any vehicle purchases.

For project consideration, interested proposers must complete and submit the online application in the new Grants Management System, on or before the deadline of **Monday, October 3, 2017 by 4:30 p.m. CDT.**

If you have any general or administrative questions regarding a current grant program solicitation for proposals, please contact Loretta Harrington at (615) 532-0086 or by e-mail at Loretta.Harrington@tn.gov . For technical questions regarding the current grant opportunities' technical content, please contact Paula Mitchell at 615-532-0075 or by e-mail, Paula.Mitchell@tn.gov and she will assist you. For specific technical questions in reference to the Used Oil/Automotive grant offering, please contact our used oil coordinator David Sutton at (615) 532-0807 or by email at David.L.Sutton@tn.gov.